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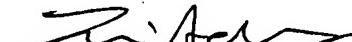
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this paper in response to the final Office Action dated October 3, 2007.

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*Amendments to the Claims* begin on page 3 of this paper.

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